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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - EA/RA

BANGKOK FOR ASST. SSECRETARY HOLBROOKE

TO: EA - MR. GLEYSTEN, ACTING

FROM: EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. POLICE EQUIPMENT SALES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE JOINT MEMO TO MRS. BENSON REGARDING SALES OF REVOLVERS
AND AMMUNITION TO THE ROC AND ROK NATIONAL POLICE AND
OF SUBMACHINEGUNS TO THE SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL PRO-
TECTION FORCE WAS DISCUSSED AT A MEETING THAT I ATTENDED
IN "T" LAST WEEK. DAVE BROWN OF ROC AND FRANZ MISCH
OF ROK ALSO ATTENDED. A DECISION WAS NOT TAKEN AT THE
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MEETING AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MATTER SUBSEQUENTLY
WAS REFERRED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WHERE IT
PRESENTLY RESIDES.

(LCOL) MIKE EILAND, PAUL CLEVELAND AND FRANK BENNETT

CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR OF MUNITIONS CONTROL, ROBBY

ROBINSON, TODAY TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING MC LICENSE REQUESTS IN THE BUREAU. MIKE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT IN SOME CASES EA/RA HAS BEEN UNAWARE UNTIL AFTER THE FACT THAT PARTICULAR LICENSES WERE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF VETOS BY HA/HR. ROBINSON AGREED THAT CONTACTS ON LICENSES WOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH MIKE SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE WHEN, IN VIEW OF OUR OVER-ALL BUREAU POLICIES, WE SHOULD RECLAMA ON DENIALS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE ROC/ROK CASES NOTED ABOVE.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL)

MRS. COLBERT WILL REPRESENT EA AT THE MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT MR. CHRISTOPHER WILL CHAIR TOMORROW MORNING (MAY 4). FOUR IFI LOANS TO THE PHILIPPINES -- ADB, MANILA WATER SUPPLY; IDA, MAGAT RIVER; ADB, ALLAH RIVER, IBRD, DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES III -- AND A PL-480 TITLE I/CCC CREDIT FOR \$13.3 MILLION ARE ON THE AGENDA. THREE OF THE LOANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CRITERIA BY THE IGHFA WORKING GROUP AND THEREFORE WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED BY THE CHRISTOPHER GROUP AS WILL THE PL-480 PROGRAM. (THE LATTER WILL REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO BE INSERTED IN THE AGREEMENT TO ENSURE PROCEEDS GO TO THE NEEDY.) THE DBP LOAN WILL BE A PROBLEM IN VIEW OF THE FACT IT IS A RELENDING LOAN
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AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES SEEMS TO HAVE DETERIORATED SOMEWHAT SINCE THE RECENT ELECTION.

3. PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS IN EAST ASIA (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANDY YOUNG WILL NOT BE MAKING THE PRE-GA SWING THROUGH ASIA THIS SUMMER AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN INDICATED. IO IS NOW CONSIDERING WHAT OTHER OFFICERS MIGHT MAKE THE TRIP INSTEAD.

4. NAM BUREAU MEETING (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FOLLOWING THE COUP IN AFGHANISTAN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED BUREAU SCHEDULED FOR KABUL HAS BEEN CANCELLED. A DECISION ON A NEW SITE IS TO BE MADE ON THURSDAY. IF NO OTHER INVITATIONS ARE FORTHCOMING IT IS LIKELY THAT THE BUREAU WILL OPT FOR A MAY 18-21 MEETING IN NEW YORK.

5. REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE IFIS (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE REVIEWED A DRAFT REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS

INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN IN THE IFIS, WHICH WAS CIRCULATED BY MR. CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE AND WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORWARDED TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTING REQUIREMENT IN PDM-30. WE FOUND THE DRAFT TO BE A GENERALLY BALANCED SUMMARY OF THE EFFECT OUR ACTIONS HAVE HAD AND OF CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER NATIONS' VIEWS OF THEM; HOWEVER, WE RECOMMENDED A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CHANGES DESIGNED TO CORRECT FACTUAL ERRORS AND OMISSIONS AND TO TONE DOWN CLAIMS WE THOUGHT EXAGGERATED. THE REPORT ANTICIPATES THAT A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR.

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6. MEMO TO D BY HA AND H CONCERNING REQUEST OF REPRESENTATIVE LONG FOR ADDITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS (CONFIDENTIAL)

TWO WEEKS AGO HA HAD SENT US A DRAFT OF A MEMO TO BE SENT BY IT AND H TO MR. CHRISTOPHER RECOMMENDING ACTION IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM REP. LONG FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON 17 COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS. THREE OF THE COUNTRIES ARE EA COUNTRIES (THE 3 VLC COUNTRIES). A FINAL VERSION OF THIS MEMO HAS NOW GONE FORWARD TO D. IT GIVES THREE OPTIONS: 1) SUBMIT FULL REPORTS TO REP. LONG USING THE SAME FORMAT AS THOSE REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW; 2) PROVIDE REP. LONG BRIEF UNCLASSIFIED STATEMENTS ON THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED; AND 3) PROVIDE ORAL BRIEFINGS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE. S/P AND EUR PREFER THE THIRD OPTION WHILE EA, ARA, NEA AND AF PREFER THE SECOND. HA AND H FAVOR THE FIRST OPTION WHICH WE OPPOSE. CHRISTOPHER

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